

Resolution 07-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPEAL FOR EXCESSIVE LEVY

WHEREAS, the Indiana State statutes allow municipalities to file appeals for excessive levy to help fund necessary municipal public services; and

WHEREAS, criteria that allows for appeals to be filed with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance can include the increased costs for the municipality resulting from annexation; and

WHEREAS, annexations in the Town of Westfield have resulted in increased costs to public services the Town offers its residents; and

WHEREAS, criteria that allows for growth appeals to be filed with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance is that a municipality's three year average growth in assessed value exceeds the 3.26% state growth factor for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield's certified average growth in assessed value over the last three years is 12.66 %; and

WHEREAS, the fast and continual growth of the Westfield community is putting pressure on the quality of public services, including public safety, the Town offers to its residents; and

WHEREAS, a successful appeal for annexation and growth will allow the Town of Westfield to utilize in excess of \$3,042,000 in additional revenue to fund important public safety services and other municipal services required for its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Westfield, Indiana does hereby authorize Town staff to file an appeal for excessive levies to allow for deliverance of services required because of significant growth and annexation. These levy appeals will be made to the Department of Local Government and Finance.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS 10th DAY OF September, 2007.

<p style="text-align: center;">WESTFIELD TOWN COUNCIL Hamilton County, Indiana</p>
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<u>Voting For</u>	<u>Voting Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
_____ Andy Cook	_____ Andy Cook	_____ Andy Cook
_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel
_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel
_____ Robert Horkay	_____ Robert Horkay	_____ Robert Horkay
_____ Joseph Plankis	_____ Joseph Plankis	_____ Joseph Plankis
_____ Robert J. Smith	_____ Robert J. Smith	_____ Robert J. Smith
_____ Ron Thomas	_____ Ron Thomas	_____ Ron Thomas

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy J. Gossard